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TOPIC	Military Activities in the Mechanized Division Dresden Area and at the Weisswasser training Grounds		
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1. On 1 August firing practices with medium guns were held in the Muskauer Forst (woods), near to and east of Nochten. In Weisskeissel, the Muskau - Rietschen road was cordoned off by KVP sentries who wore red-bordered black collar patches. A large tent camp was located southeast of Heide. In late July, artillery units from Loebau and Zittau allegedly were at the Weisswasser training grounds (Muskauer Forst); other units from these stations allegedly arrived by train. <sup>1</sup> and <sup>2</sup>  
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2. In the course of July, all KVP units from Zittau together with their weapons and equipment were loaded onto trains and were shipped away, allegedly toward Dresden. <sup>1</sup>
3. On 18 August, the barracks installation on Sachsen Strasse in Zittau quartered only a small guard detail whose soldiers wore red-bordered black collar patches. <sup>1</sup> the whole unit had been rotated to the summer camp and was expected to return in late September. <sup>1</sup>  
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4. On 30 July in the Nochten area, the Bautzen - Weisswasser road was cordoned off by KVP sentries who wore black pipings. The noise of moving tanks was heard from the woods west of the road. A tent camp was located east of the road. <sup>1,2</sup>
5. From late July to 6 August, combat practices of the KVP were held in the Weisswasser - Uhyst - Klitten - Rietschen area. <sup>2</sup>  
On 6 August Minister President Grotewohl, who was accompanied by some members of his staff, went through Weisswasser by car to this area.
6. On 7 and 8 August, KVPs entrained in Weisswasser. On 12 August the maneuvering area was still "off-limits". <sup>4</sup>
7. On 4 August numerous cars passed through Spremberg. One of the sedans was allegedly occupied by a leading member of the government, while a Soviet general allegedly rode in another sedan.

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8. Between 5 and 12 August, heavy flying activities which involved single-engine training aircraft and jet fighters were observed over the Spremberg - Nochten area. On 6 August, the reports of guns were heard at the same time. 2, 5
9. On 26 July artillery fire from the direction of Nochten was heard in Spremberg all day. 2
10. On 26 July and 14 August, the Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg quartered an estimated 600 men who included about 100 soldiers who allegedly belonged to the KVP for a short time only. 6

1. Comment. The 3d Mecz Regt and the mortar regiment of Mechanized Division Dresden are stationed at Loebau and the howitzer artillery regiment and the AAA regiment of this division are stationed at Zittau. 25X1
2. Comment. All these statements tend to indicate that combat training and firing practices of all arms are held on the Weisswasser training grounds with the same intensity as on the Jaegerbrueck training grounds in the Korps Nord area and on the training grounds east of Kliestz in the Mechanized Division Potsdam area. It is believed that the majority of the units of Mechanized Division Dresden were in the training area during the time of observation. A major exercise was possibly held between 4 and 7 August. 25X1
3. Comment. The pipings observed indicate mechanized troops or tank troops. 25X1
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5. Comment. No air support to ground forces has been observed previously. The jet aircraft certainly did not belong to the KVP air force. 25X1
6. Comment. The Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg quarters the heavy tank SP regiment, the medium tank regiment, and the tank instruction battalion of Mechanized Division Dresden. Possibly only the tank instruction battalion was present during the time of observation. 25X1

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